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## Gov't May Seek Wage Freeze

By Moshe Brilliant, Our Parliamentary Correspondent  
Government action to freeze wages except with respect to bonuses for extra output was indicated yesterday in the Knesset at the close of the 12-hour debate on economic and fiscal policy.

### FOUR GOALS

Mr. Geri, who made his maiden speech yesterday listed the four immediate goals of his Ministry:

1. increased production;
2. increased exports;
3. reduction of imports and more rational purchasing;
4. more efficient and enterprising administration.

## No Hurry to Renew Metal Contracts

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Although some of the largest collective contracts in industry, particularly those covering the metallurgical industry, expired today, no urgency was shown either by the Manufacturers' Association or by the Histadrut to renew them.

The signing of collective agreements several months after the expiration of the previous ones has become established procedure.

The Mapai leaders have not yet formulated their attitude in the matter of salary and wage increases, and the Trade Union Department, has not yet discussed its policy. The Secretariat of the Metallurgical Workers' Union is to meet tomorrow, and if far-reaching changes of policy are to be decided upon, the Union's Council will be called to ratify them.

The Manufacturers were thought to be waiting for a Government lead before they agreed to any increase in wages.

The Tel Aviv Labour Council decided today to ask for an increase of 10 per cent in the cost of the salaries of the 80 workers employed by cardboard and packaging companies in the area.

## New Shoe, Clothing Points Out Soon

New ration books for clothing and footwear will be distributed simultaneously throughout the country, the Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. Ya'akov Geri, announced in the Knesset yesterday when he replied to a question by Mr. Tzvi Toubi (Communist).

Mr. Geri said that the quota for Arab farmers would be 40 coupons for textiles and 40 for leather goods, and the allocation for Beduin in the Negev 50 points for clothes and 40 for footwear. An advance of 25 points for textile and 20 for footwear will be distributed to these two groups shortly, Mr. Geri said.

Mr. Toubi claimed that the allocation to Arabs was less than to other citizens, and asked for an assurance that there would be equal distribution. Mr. Geri replied that he would study the question.

## Turkey and Israel Drawing Closer to West — 'Times'

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Monday. — "The two most powerful countries of the Middle East, Turkey and Israel, drew closer to the Western world during 1950," writes "The Times" in its annual survey of the past year.

The bracketing of Turkey and Israel, now habitual in the case of "The Times," is further underlined by the following sentences: "Both are devoting their resources single-mindedly to the task of strengthening their defence and developing their economy. In this task, they are coming to rely more and more on the support of Britain and the U.S.A., although they are at pains to maintain correct relations with Soviet Russia. But their greatest asset lies in the unity and disciplined effort manifested by their peoples."

Elsewhere, the survey notes that "politics in the Middle East turned largely on the relations between Israel and her neighbours. The Arab world has not yet reconciled itself to accepting Israel as a permanent, if new, feature of the political landscape."

# Communists Open Big Offensive; Russia Replies On 'Big 4' Parley

## Soviet Note Believed Keeping Door Open for Conference

LONDON, Monday (Reuters). — Russia has replied to the recent Big Three notes proposing a four-power meeting to discuss world problems, and observers have believed today that Moscow had not rejected the proposals.

Observers based this belief on the fact that Russia had so far not made public any hint of the content of her reply and that the Foreign Office here was showing no hurry to react.

This would seem to indicate that Russia was sufficiently interested in Western reactions to wait for a reply before giving the world her version of her latest move.

Britain, the U.S. and France did not accept the Russian suggestion of a conference to discuss Germany only on the basis of the resolution passed at the conference of Soviet and East European Foreign Ministers at Prague last October.

The Western powers proposed that the agenda for such a meeting should be on a wider basis, including discussion of an Austrian peace treaty. They suggested that the four countries' representatives at U.N. H.Q. should hold preliminary talks to arrange an agenda acceptable to all four governments.

The following alternatives now appeared likely:

1. That the Soviet government will agree to enlarge the basis of discussion, but will also suggest the inclusion of Far Eastern problems.
2. That, if it does so, it will propose that the Communist government of China should join any meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers, at least if these parts of the talks affect the Far East.
3. That it will agree to four-power discussion of problems, causing international tension but excluding Far Eastern problems.

Pl-ven May Go To Washington Soon  
FRANCIS, Monday (Reuters). — French Premier René Pl-ven may go to the U.S. later this month during the forthcoming short parliamentary recess, according to "Le Monde."

Raw material supplies for the rearmament effort and the establishment of a common rearmament budget for the Atlantic Treaty nations are the main subjects he wants to discuss with the American government, the newspaper said.

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## Chinese, N. Koreans Push To Within 32 Kms. of Seoul

TOKYO, Monday (Reuters). — A Chinese and North Korean force of nearly 200,000 men began pouring across the 38th Parallel into South Korea today in what was officially described as a "general offensive" against Seoul.

U.N. troops defending the night heralded the new year, 32 km. sector directly north. As dawn broke they attacked the Southern capital were at two points, forcing the force to make "limited withdrawal in some areas."

The Communists, launching Kaesong and below the 38th Parallel, and further west broke on a bitterly cold New Year's day, were reported to have advanced 18 kms. south of the Imjin River to within 32 kms. of the city. Their advance was still continuing tonight and U.N. units on the flanks were falling back.

Another Chinese force, reported at division strength, was attacking south of the Parallel in the east.

Here, too, U.N. troops were believed to be retreating, but the position was described as fluid.

U.N. Planes in Action  
As the Communists, oblivious of heavy losses, stormed across the barbed-wire and snow-covered minefields, U.N. planes roared overhead in another savage counter-attack behind the battlefield.

Taking advantage of the clear weather, they pounded enemy concentrations in 549 effective sorties, hitting more than 1,500 troops, 62 towns, 500 buildings and tanks, cars, bridges and gun emplacements. Superfortresses dropped 170 tons of high explosives.

The Communists opened their assault with a six-hour artillery barrage just as midnight.

No Major Breakthrough  
Eight Army officers said it would be false to describe it as a "major breakthrough" because the Communists had not yet pierced one part of the line.

An Eighth Army spokesman said that three Chinese armies and some reconstituted North Korean divisions had been identified facing the U.N. perimeter.

The armies were the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Chinese Armies, South of Kaesong, the 38th south of Yonchon, and the 4th, in the Changan area. The Communists were expected to attempt a flanking movement aimed at enveloping Seoul in the same way as they had captured Pyongyang, the North capital, four weeks ago.

EVACUATION OF TONKIN HALTED  
HANOI, Monday (Reuters). — General De Latre De Tassigny, the new French High Commissioner in Indo-China, today announced that he had stopped the evacuation of French wives and families from the rebel-attacked French Tonkin delta bridgehead.

On the Red River sector, 30 kms. north and northwest of the Tonkin area, rebels were officially reported to be still in active contact with French positions, but a French army communiqué added that the situation had improved for the French.

Dewey Asks A Bomb Bases All Over World  
ALBANY, NEW YORK, Monday (Reuters). — Governor Dewey of New York said today that America, to survive, must develop strong allies and "maintain invulnerable bases around the world from which to dispatch the atom bomb."

The Governor in his third term inauguration address, sharply disagreed with former President Herbert Hoover's recent contention that the U.S. should withdraw from Europe and Asia and make the Western Hemisphere a defense "Gibraltar."

Mr. Dewey said: "Only again, the call should be plain to free men everywhere to band together and bravely live side by side they will fall apart and ignominiously die."

Only American possession of the atom bomb seemed to have deterred Russia from waging "an immediate all-out war of conquest," Mr. Dewey added.

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1,245 immigrants from Rumania arrived on the s.s. Transylvania yesterday. 145 immigrants and 110 passengers and tourists arrived in the s.s. Kedmah.

FOUR JERUSALEM policemen denied yesterday that beatings and other pressure were used to extract a statement from Yitzhak Mirzani who, together with his brother Yacov, is being tried for murder in the District Court.

THE CONSTRUCTION of several new roads was recently begun by the Public Works Department. They are designed to serve settlements in Galilee and the Jordan Valley.

AN INDUSTRIAL CLUB has been opened in the central building of the Manufacturers' Association in Tel Aviv.

## SHAPIRO DEFENDS LANGUAGE BAN

The Minister of the Interior yesterday upheld the action of the Censorship Board in prohibiting the American basso, Mr. Kenneth Spencer, from singing the German lyrics of arias by Mozart and songs by Schubert and Brahms.

Replying to a question in the Knesset by Mr. Herbert Forster (Progressive), Mr. Shapiro said that the use of the German language in plays, recitations, films, operas and vocal recitals would antagonize a large section of the people who "could not forget that German is the language of the people who a few years ago brought disaster to one-third of the Jewish nation."

The Minister stressed that cultural values created in Germany were not being suppressed, and were still being taught in schools. The ban was only on the language, he said.

## Rossi Denies Reports Of Collaboration

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Mr. Tino Rossi, the French film star and singer now on tour here, denied today reports that he had ever sided with the Nazis during the occupation of France.

"All my life I have been a friend of the Jews," Mr. Rossi, who was born in Corsica, told the press. He had never been before any court on charges of collaboration, he said, and added that on one occasion he was called as a witness to identify an alleged collaborator.

The advertised Tino Rossi concert, which was to have been given at the Ohel Shem Hall tonight, did not take place. Mr. Rossi's impresario said that advertisements in the press and on billboards, which had announced the programme, were issued "by mistake."

## APPROVED FOOD SHOPS FOR DIPLOMATS

Special facilities have been granted to members of Diplomatic and Consular Corps in Tel Aviv to buy food directly from approved stores in the district. The new arrangement came into effect yesterday.

Regular meat coupons and special coupons for non-austerity meals will be issued by the Chief of Protocol, on the presentation of diplomatic or consular identity cards.

## Ration News

Beginning today, the price of Grade A carrots will be 36 pruta a kilo instead of 30 pruta, and that of Grade B carrots, 32 pruta a kilo instead of 26 pruta. White cabbage will be 20 pruta a kilo instead of 16.

TEL AVIV AND DISTRICT: Fish: 200 grams, Shin Gmel 27, vintners, 40; tourists, 12; additional card: distribution in zones 4, 8; distribution in zones 1-3 on Gmel ends today. Milk: monthly ration-card Aleph, 15 litres; card Bet, 9 litres; card Gamma, 7 litres; all persons, supplementary ration as requested by physicians: price — 100 pruta for home delivery, 94 pruta at shop. visitors: 22; physical labourers, additional 500 grams, 12; expectant mothers, additional 300 grams, Bet. Meat: frozen, 125 grams, Kaf 5, zone 40; frozen, Gen. Givatayim, Holim, Raf Yam, Mithla, Ha-shiva, Tel Hashomer, Tel Sheva, Hadera, Yotvata, Tel Aviv — 750 grams; Hot-Bet 1 — 400 grams; Hot-Dalet — 500 grams. Tomatoes: 250 grams. Tar 240; distribution in zones 1, 2, Carrots: 150 grams. Tar 240; distribution in zones 1-4. Potatoes: 3 kilos, Shin Aleph 30; visitors, 25; tourists, 14; additional card: distribution ends tomorrow. Bananas: distribution to all persons in villages, 100 grams. Hot-Aleph 1; Hot-Bet 1; Hot-Gimel and vegetables. HAIFA & SAMARIA DISTRICT: — Tomatoes: 2 kilos, Tar 145; visitors, 42.

## Petah Tikva Council Breaks Up In Confusion Over Resignation

PETAH TIKVA, Monday. — Tonight's meeting of the Municipal Council here broke up in disorder after half the members had left the hall following a split vote on a motion to postpone the meeting.

Two minutes before the session opened, the outgoing Mayor, Mr. Y. Sapir, was informed that Mr. S. Ben Dor (Hapoel Hamizrachi) who yesterday took the place of Mr. M. Hagan, was himself resigning. Mr. D. Neumann, who was third on the Hapoel Hamizrachi list, said he was taking Mr. Ben Dor's place.

Not invited. Mr. Sapir stated that Mr. Neumann could not take his seat today as he had not been officially invited to the meeting. He proposed reconvening the Council tomorrow, when an official invitation would be sent to the new member.

Representatives of the Histadrut, Mapam, and Agudat Israel Workers' objected, in the vote that followed, their exit, in favour of continuing the meeting. They were balanced by the eight votes of the General Zionists, Herut, Agudat Israel and Mithla. Mr. Neumann voted for the motion to continue, but his ballot was declared invalid by Mr. Sapir, who then walked out of the hall together with the other seven members who had voted for postponement.

As they were leaving, Mr. P. Hagan (Histadrut) declared that the ballot was in order and the meeting should continue. Mr. S. Yotvata, another Histadrut member, however, stated that to "proceed the peace" the session should be adjourned.

The meeting will continue tomorrow.

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN CHOSEN UNANIMOUSLY. YATVANTA, Monday. — Mr. Yehuda Behar (Even Yehuda List) was tonight unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Even Yehuda Local Council. Mr. Israel Hoffman (Histadrut) was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman of the nine-member Council.

REHOVOT MEETING AGAIN POSTPONED. REHOVOT, Monday. — The Municipal Council here closed its second meeting in two days tonight without electing a mayor. The next meeting is to be held on Thursday.

J.N.F. to Get More Abandoned Land. The Government intends to transfer additional tracts of uncultivated lands to the Jewish National Fund on condition that the Fund provide the resources necessary for their development for agricultural settlement. It was stated by the Finance Minister, Eliezer Kaplan, at yesterday's meeting of the Knesset Finance Committee.

Dr. Landau, Director of Government Loans, told the Committee that the Lottery on Mandatory Bonds had been delayed in order to carry out a comprehensive registration of bond numbers. He said that a law regarding the lottery would be brought before the Knesset soon, and that the draw would take place as soon as technical arrangements were completed.

The addition of 47 workers to the staff of the Acre home for mental patients was approved by the Committee. The staff increase was made in accordance with an agreement between the Ministry of Health and "Mabene" on expansion of the institution from 200 to 400 beds. The expenses of the increase will be covered by Malben grants to the Ministry of Health for hospitalization of patients.

The Committee continued the discussion of the land tax under the War Damage Order of 1951.

## KEDMAH BREAKS ITS OWN RECORD

HAIFA, Monday. — The s.s. Kedmah has covered the distance from Marseilles to Haifa in 67 hours and 45 minutes. It is a new record over the one established about a month ago when the ship covered the same distance in 68 hours.

## KILLED BY FALL

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A brick mason, Yosef Furia, 23, of Meah Shearim, was killed here this afternoon, when he fell from the third floor of a new building in Rehov Bloch, according to fellow workers. Furia had slipped from the scaffolding while laying bricks. He is survived by his wife.

## BODY WASHED ASHORE

HAIFA, Monday. — The body of a man was thrown ashore by waves near Hadera yesterday. The body was taken to Government Hospital here for examination.

## 14-POUND BABY

HADERA, Monday. — Mr. and Mrs. Aharon Markushon, immigrants from Rumania, now living in the Agudat Mithla near here, had a New Year's gift last night. At midnight, Mrs. Markushon gave birth to a son weighing 14 pounds (11 lbs.) and measuring 60 cm. in length.

The baby was delivered by a Caesarian operation. Both mother and child are doing well.

This was the Markushon's second child—their first son, weighed over five kilos at birth.

## Censors Must Face Supreme Court

The Supreme Court, sitting as a High Court of Justice, yesterday issued an order nisi directing the Chief Military Censor and the Assistant Military Censor to show cause why they should not cancel an order forbidding, "Ma'ariv," afternoon daily, to publish a certain item according to its full and original text.

The respondents alleged that the respondents acted arbitrarily in censoring the item. The publication of the item in its original form neither affected the security of the State nor public order, and existing legislation did not require any official sanction of that a Military Censor, it was argued.

The respondents were ordered to file their reply within 15 days. The petitioner was represented by Mr. Z. Bruchstein. The Court was composed of Justices Durrant, Assaf and Agranat.

## Short Weight Charge Against T.A. Tnuva

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Tnuva in Tel Aviv, and two of its directors, Shlomo Verbitsky and Reuven Shalom, came before the anti-profiteering Court here today on a charge of having distributed milk in cans giving short measure, during November and December, 1949.

An inspector of the Department of Weights and Measures testified that he had found that the 28-litre cans gave short measure by about half a litre. He had examined the cans on complaints from the Milk Distributors' Cooperative.

The short measure was due, he said, to foam which collected at the top of the cans owing to rapid filling, and caused the tap to be turned off before the receptacle was properly filled.

The witness, Mr. Michael Dornier, said that the Distributors' Cooperative had later withdrawn their complaint. He also stated that one of the distributors had claimed that the Cooperative was "warned" by Tnuva that if they upheld their complaint the existing system of milk distribution would be stopped, and each member required to collect his milk personally.

The trial is to be resumed on February 2.

## Lack of Efficiency In Cement Transport

Lack of efficient organization in the transportation of cement from the Nesher plant outside Haifa to places of work causes delays in the delivery of the building material, the Department of Efficiency and Production in the Ministry of Labour concluded yesterday, after an investigation requested by the Inspector of Road Transport.

It was found that up to 25 per cent of truck drivers' work days were wasted due to delays in loading and unloading the materials, and lack of coordination between the railway and road-transport schedules.

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## 'Defence for Peace' Keynote Of New Year Talks Everywhere

BELGRADE, Monday. (Reuter). — Marshal Tito told his people in a broadcast New Year's message last night that Yugoslavia did not stand alone, the official news agency, "Tanjug," reported.

"We are not alone today," he said, "and it can be said that we are not going to be alone. By our consistent adherence to the principles of the fight for world peace and the maintenance of her independence, Yugoslavia has won high appreciation in the world."

BRUSSELS. — Premier Joseph Pholien declared that these were not times when it was enough to desire peace. It was necessary to be in a position "it need be to defend it."

MADRID. — In a New Year's broadcast last night, General Franco told his listeners that the success of Spain in the field of foreign policy during 1950 was a logical consequence of her internal policy.

"It is not in our power to change the lack of efficacy shown in defence matters by other European countries. We would like to see a resurgence of the will of Western Europe to defend itself. But if this resurgence does not emerge, then we can thank God for our privileged geographical position with our natural barriers of defence," Franco said.

NEW YORK. — President Truman said last night, "I hope 1951 will bring peace to the world."

He made this comment late aboard his yacht, the "Williamsburg," which has been cruising in the Potomac river and nearby waters.

PARIS. — The coming year will witness an important strengthening of France's national defence, Prime Minister

## French to Pay For Stolen Tombstones

COLMAR Alsace, Monday (Reuter). — The Council of the French village of Jung-holz, Alsace, yesterday decided to borrow from the inhabitants the sum of 5,923-330 francs (26,000) to pay for 58 tombstones and grave ornaments removed from the local Jewish cemetery and sold during the German occupation.

Judgment had been given against the council in a claim by the local Jewish community for recovery of the value of the monuments.

The village council decided that if the Ministry of Reconstruction did not reimburse them, enabling them to pay off "the" short-term loan floated, they would resign.

## Strike of Anti-T.B. Workers Imminent

HAIFA, Monday. — About 100 employees of the Anti-tuberculosis League have planned to strike on Wednesday unless the agreement with the League on the improvement of working conditions is made retroactive to October, 1949.

If the strike materializes, administrative work will stop, clinical work will be curtailed, but hospital patients will not be affected.

BUSINESS TAX RETURNS should be filed immediately with the Tel Aviv Municipality. It was announced today. Failure to comply carries a maximum fine of IL 20, and IL 2 for each day's delay.

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## Cables in Brief

DEMONSTRATION. — A young actress was shot dead and several men injured when Chinese Nationalist guerrillas demonstrated against an anti-American play staged in a Canton suburb, the independent newspaper, "Wah Kiu Yat Po," reported yesterday.

LAMA. — The Dalai Lama, spiritual and temporal head of Tibet who left the capital of Lhasa a fortnight ago, was reported yesterday to have passed Paritong, about 100 kms. from Kalimpong, between Bhutan and Sikkim.

QUINTS BORN. — Four boys and girl — have been born in Siberia, according to a "Tass" Agency message received in London yesterday. Four of the infants survived.

## U.S. Firms Under Chinese Control

SAN FRANCISCO, Monday (Reuter). — The 17th American-owned Shanghai Power and Telephone companies were placed under military control yesterday, a radio broadcast said.

An announcement by the Shanghai military control committee declared "in view of the increasing aggressive and hostile acts of the American government against China, the committee is placing immediate military control over American privately owned Shanghai power and telephone companies, in order to assure supply and telephone services of vital importance and in order to prevent the American imperialists from disrupting and endangering the welfare of the population of the city."

WEST BERLIN. — West German Mayor Ernst Reuter, in his New Year message, said the city would be faced with weighty decisions in 1951.

COPENHAGEN. — The hope that the New Year would be a year of peace, said the city would be faced with weighty decisions in 1951.

PRAGUE. — President Gottwald and Prime Minister Sapotocki expressed Czechoslovakia's "steadfastly deepening friendship" for Russia in a New Year's message to President Shvernik and Marshal Stalin.

ATHENS. — Prime Minister Venizelos, in a message to the nation and the armed forces said the dangers ahead should not be underestimated but Greece and her army could look to the future with confidence.

## Peak U.S. Farm Output Forecast

WASHINGTON, Monday. (UP). — Economists of the Department of Agriculture forecast a banner new year for the American farmer. Production is expected to reach its highest peak in history, and gross farm income may be exceeded only by that of the post-war inflation years of 1945-46. The only blot on the bright picture is the possibility that defence production may deprive the farmer of needed machinery and labour.

Farmers will probably get about 10 per cent more for their products next year, the experts say. Two exceptions are poultry products and potatoes, in which markets were depressed this year by overproduction. The biggest increase is expected to be in cotton and meat production, both of which are expected to be in short supply unless production goals are reached.

## BRITISH M.E. CHIEF VISITS AMMAN

General Sir John Barker, Commander-in-Chief of the British Middle East Forces, who arrived in Amman yesterday, lunched with King Abdullah.

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## STALIN REPORTED TO BE SLOWING DOWN Shift of Power in Politburo

By Edward Crankshaw

THE clearest indication that Stalin, whose 71st birthday was celebrated last month, has now largely withdrawn from the day-to-day running of the Soviet Union has been supplied in characteristically indirect manner in the propaganda for the local Soviet elections, which came to an end recently. As the press has been provided with an up-to-date picture of the pattern of power inside the Kremlin.

Repeatedly during the past weeks the Moscow Press and radio has put out an official list of "Stalin's closest comrades-in-arms," in which the same fourteen names are given not only invariably in the same order but also significantly graded in importance by the number of constituencies for which they have been nominated.

### New List

The list is headed by Molotov and Malenkov, who, like Stalin before him, has reached his present commanding position by winning and maintaining control of the party organization. These two have twelve and eleven nominations respectively, which puts them in a class by themselves. After a wide gap come Beria, Voroshilov, Mikoyan and Bulganin, each with four or five nominations. After them come the rest of the Politburo, Kaganovich, Andreyev, Kozlov and Shvernik and the three runners-up, Suslov and Ponomarev of the Party Secretariat, and Shkiryakov, Chairman of the Party Control Commission. All these have one or two nominations each.

The emphasis on the marked supremacy of Molotov and Malenkov is calculated and deliberate. It can only be intended to show that they are exalted above the rest of their colleagues by a special responsibility — the leadership of Russia in Stalin's name.

This indirect announcement confirms the existence of a state of affairs which has



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Time for New Year Resolution

long been apparent. Stalin's original old guard which helped Stalin in his struggle for power, above all, Andrei Molotov and Malenkov, have lost heavily in influence to the younger men.

This swift and steady accretion of power on the part of the newcomers means more than a shift of emphasis inside the Politburo. It means a shift of emphasis throughout the country as a whole; for the leaders depend enormously on their personal followings throughout the U.S.S.R. — above all, Malenkov, who, dominating Party cadres, has been able to place his men in key positions everywhere.

### Old Guard Retiring

The Politburo of 1950 is thus seen to be very different from the Politburo of 1939 after its election at the last Party Congress. In addition to the death of Zhukov and the disappearance of Voroshilov, the Chief Planner, there has been the spectacular rise of Malenkov, still only 49 and one-time personal secretary to Stalin, who became a candidate member of the Politburo in 1941 and a full member only in 1946; and the less spectacular but still very swift elevation of Beria and of Bulganin, who has effectively superseded Voroshilov as political head of the armed

## HISTADRUT DELEGATIONS' IMPRESSIONS Israelis Look Over Britain

This article appeared in the December 22 issue of the London "Daily Herald" under the title "Israel Looks at You."

By James Oldfield

SINCE quiet but keen-eyed Israelis, all Zionist pioneers whom hard experience has taught the economic facts of life, have just been having a look at Britain.

They have decided, unreservedly, that they like it. It was not only the usual tourist charms that caught their notice; the buses and the bobbies, Westminster Abbey and "Ten-Ten" — "one of the material elements of British life which greatly sustained us," they say.

It was also the absence, by their standards, of austerity, the abundance of good things, the fair shares, and a successful experiment in Socialism which has many lessons for their own country.

The six were invited to Britain by the National Council of Labour as representatives of Histadrut, the General Federation of Jewish Labour of Israel.

Histadrut is not only the biggest Israeli trade union, but also runs co-operative industrial, commercial and banking concerns employing more than 100,000 wage-earners and representing at least 40 per cent of Israel's economy.

Thus the visitors were able to assess what they saw as experts.

Their conclusions were summed up for me by their leader, 44-year-old, soft-spoken Reuben (Hebrew for Reuben) Burstein, Histadrut's international secretary.

Burstein, unless nothing when characteristically aloof in a chair, looking like a somewhat somnolent Bing Crosby.

But with interests ranging from keeping Communism out of Israel and preserving Socialism's dynamic, to a night at the Old Vic and finding the latest work on James Joyce, he is a twinkling-eyed, very human being.

He would have to be, for he took a degree in medieval English literature at the University of Paris and the farce and fun of Chaucer have remained his favourite reading ever since.

He had come to Britain only once before, a brief visit spent entirely in London. This time, he and his colleagues went north to Durham, Leeds, Rochdale and Manchester and they also saw something of the home counties.

The trip was an eye-opener, says Burstein, and produced these general impressions:

1. A remarkable blend of tradition with modernism in the Britain of 1950, showing a notable ability to keep the outward framework while changing the inner content.

Very modern architecture and new trends in planning which, when they produce an organization like the National Health Service, seem ever daring.

2. Britain's imposing economic recovery, combined with so many

advances in the social field. Israel can learn from the British method of fostering an export drive and increasing production, which means that five and a half years of Labour rule have brought a return of one of the first aims of any Labour government — provision of work for its people.

### Memories

As a background to this broad picture of Britain today, the visitors have a rich collection of mental pictures:

The magnificence of Durham Cathedral, and the magnificence of the miners to whom they talked at the Durham coal face.

The sympathy and care which reigned at the Daphne Miners' Rehabilitation Centre and the roaring efficiency of the Consett Iron Works.

The civic spirit and pioneer housing of Leeds, the voluntary work so evident in the Co-operative Movement in Manchester.

The abundant good food in workers' canteens, the controlled cost of living, with even cigarettes cheap by Israeli standards.

Warmth

Above all, they were struck by the warmth with which they were everywhere greeted, a far cry, says Burstein, from the bitterness of the immediate post-war years, when the Palestine problem was a bone ache for the Foreign Office and a "crisis of friendship" for Israeli Socialists.

"Ali I want to say," adds Burstein, "is that I hope that our visit will serve to bring our two countries still closer."

"The first thing we shall do when we get back home will be to report as widely as possible on our trip."

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## More Dollars from Canada

By Betty Sigler

MONTREAL —

CANADIAN Jews will meet on January 21 and 22 to discuss ways and methods of helping Israel out of her current financial emergency.

The National Conference for Israel is to be the Canadian counterpart of the American conference held in Washington in October. These plans were laid for raising \$1,000,000 by the end of 1951.

"Collecting gift dollars will be the first objective of the programme," a spokesman announced after a preliminary meeting on December 21. "We will also discuss means of promoting private investment and strengthening trade relations between the two countries."

Sponsoring the meeting are the Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith of Canada, the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and the Zionist groups. The latter are the Zionist Organization of Canada and Hadassah, the Labour Zionist Organization of Canada and the Pioneer Women, the Mishali Organization of Canada and the Mishali Women.

Chairman of the Conference will be Samuel Bronfman, national president of Congress.

Mr. Bronfman is president of Distillers Corporation-Searles Ltd.

The first investments Canadian interest in Israel dates back to 1897, when the first Zionist societies were formed. At the turn of the century Canadian Jews made their first investments in Palestine, buying shares in the

Jewish Colonial Trust.

Today more than \$5,000,000 is raised annually to support schools, children's homes, co-operative institutions and other projects through purchases in Canada. During the first five months of this year Israel spent about \$4,500,000 in this country.

Israel Buys Milk, Wheat

Apart from the Canadian government, she is Canada's main purchaser of dried milk products. She bought 5,000,000 pounds during the first half of 1950. As a party to the International Wheat Agreement, Israel buys a minimum of 1,200,000 bushels of Canadian wheat a year. The Ministry of Defence, Kupat Holim and other groups also buy Canadian meat.

As to investments, Canada with her 18,000,000 people and 180,000 Jews has much less in Israel than the United States or Great Britain. Cyrio Plastics at Bnai Brak is the largest single Canadian investment. In addition, the Palestine Economic Corporation of Canada lent \$250,000 to the Central Bank for Co-operative Institutions. Several Canadian clothing manufacturers, too, are partners in textile concerns in Israel.

On a smaller scale, Tyulim, Inc. has been financed by Canadian capital for Canadian members of Mahal who settled in Israel. At least one Canadian foundry is selling industrial machinery to kibbutzim on ten-year credit.

During the early part of 1950, Israel's exports to Canada amounted to about \$600,000. Among them was high quality chocolate, for which milk was

## Readers' Letters

### A TREE GROWS IN ISRAEL

To the Editor of THE POST

Sir, — Permit me to explain in more detail one of the points in your report, concerning my reference to the oleander tree in Sicily. I remember my first impression when I came out into the lovely Piazza del Duomo at Syracuse the morning after my arrival and saw, planted round the square, a row of blossoming oleanders, red and white alternately. It was a most beautiful sight in the radiant sunshine. I discovered later that not only oleanders but entire streets were thus adorned, and I wondered why we in Israel do not make the same use of a tree which grows wild in the Jordan and round the Sea of Galilee. The oleander flourishes in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and could doubtless flourish in other towns in Israel. The trees continue to blossom for months on end and would add a much-needed note of colour to our streets at the end of the summer. They are, moreover, hardy enough to survive the severest winter here, in contrast to some of the imported trees which suffered so badly last year. May I call upon our municipal gardeners to follow the Sicilian example?

Since I have begun by giving advice outside my province, may I add one other suggestion — this time to the Government of Israel? I visited the city of Basle this year, and my guide, Dr. Wilenski, who is in charge of the work of the Friends of the Hebrew University in Switzerland, was kind enough to take me to a place, situated in the history of Basle, namely, the Castle of Basle, where the first Congress was held in 1897, near the bridge over the Rhine on which Herod stands in the famous picture. Would it not be fitting for

### FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

To the Editor of THE POST

Sir, — The World Youth Friendship League is an International Christian Youth Organisation with a world outlook, desirous of promoting peace and friendship among the peoples of the world. You will agree, that at the present time this is indeed a vital work and we wonder if you would be interested enough in our project to help in securing young people to form pen-friendships with a person or persons in another country. This is one of our urgent needs at present and we should be grateful for any assistance in this matter.

Yours, etc.

MARGARET P. L. HEIMON

7 Durham Avenue, Woodford Green, Essex, England.

December, 1950.

### HOUSE ON THE HILL

To the Editor of THE POST

Sir, — In your report on "The House on the Hill," which was produced for the Hebrew University by Joseph Krungold and myself, your critic says that the film was produced by Joseph Krungold. Actually the title card reads "Produced by Norman Lourie and Joseph Krungold."

Yours, etc.

NORMAN LOURIE

Tel Aviv, December 11.

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